

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraphs at lines 1 to 4 on page 26 with the following amended paragraphs:

Comparative Example B ~~Example 5~~

- 5 In this example the test program described above was used to demonstrate a reactor having a volume for catalyst of about 617 cm^3 distributed ~~according to the invention~~ into four contiguous cylindrical zones as shown in Table V.

Replace the paragraph at line 25 on page 26 with the following amended paragraph:

- 10 Comparative Example C ~~Example B~~

Replace the paragraphs at lines 1 to 4 on page 27 with the following amended paragraphs:

Example 5 ~~Example 6~~

- 15 In this example the test program described above was used to demonstrate a reactor having a volume for catalyst of about $2,158 \text{ cm}^3$ ~~617 cm^3~~ distributed according to the invention into four contiguous cylindrical zones as shown in Table VI ~~Table V~~.